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STATE OF ILLINOIS

Gentlemen:

This letter is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated November 4, 1983 and received by us November 7th.

G M I Corporation, a Missouri Corporation, has owned the property at Venice, Illinois since 1975 and has been leasing to Russell Bliss Oil Company two (2) 90,000 gallon steel storage tanks. The storage tanks belong to Bliss Oil Company and were purchased from Ready Oil Company in approximately 1976.

The lease we have with Bliss is a continuation of a lease that existed with Ready Oil Company at the time we purchased the property in late 1975 from Madison Warehouse Company. Madison had acquired this same property from Johns-Mansville in 1971.

The lease with Ready/Bliss is for the privilege of leaving the tanks on G M I Corporation property.

Early in 1983 and prior to your agency coming to the location, Russell Bliss had contacted me in regard to the \$200.00 we were charging for the rights to leave his tanks on my property. He stated he was not using the tanks and no longer wanted to pay the rent. He had proposed giving the tanks to G M I Corporation in exchange for the past rent due. However, I had rejected this offer not knowing what was in the tanks and also being fully aware of problems he was having with the EPA in Missouri (Times Beach, etc.).

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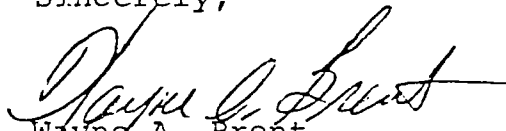
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We have continued to invoice Bliss and told him we would do so until we were certain the tanks were not contaminated or dangerous.

He has agreed to clean the residue that has been left in the tanks at his expense and when we can get a release from your agency that the tanks can be safely put back into service, then I would be willing to exchange the back rent for the tanks.

More detail on this subject can be discussed when we have our meeting in Collinsville on December 2nd at 10:00A.M.

Sincerely,


Wayne A. Brent
President
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